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REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
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FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1887.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1887-1888.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

JULIUS GUILD. CHARLES H. HARTSHORN. ARTHUR N. CRAM.

Assessors.

DAVID FISHER. N. W. FISHER. PORTER S. BOYDEN.

Town Clerk.

GEORGE P. MOREY.

Town Treasurer.

FRANK O. PILSBURY.

Collector of Taxes.

NATHAN A. COBB.

School Committee.

NATHAN W. FISHER,	Term expires 1888.
ROBERT S. GRAY,	“ “ “
CHARLES S. BIRD,	“ “ 1889.
FREDERIC GUILD,	“ “ “
MYRON H. PIPER,	“ “ 1890.
ALTON H. KIMBALL,	“ “ “

Trustees of the Public Library.

CORDELIA S. GRAY,	Term expires 1888.
NATHAN W. FISHER,	“ “ “
MARY R. BIRD,	“ “ 1889.
FRANK O. PILSBURY,	“ “ “
WILLARD I. LEWIS,	“ “ 1890.
ROBERT S. GRAY,	“ “ “

Constables.

JOHN B. ROONEY. THOMAS M. CROWLEY. RICHARD WALSH.

Fence-Viewers.

NAAMAN B. WILMARTH. JEREMIAH C. HARTSHORN.
NATHANIEL C. FISHER.

Field-Drivers.

CHARLES H. BILLINGS.	JAMES H. MENDELL.
RICHARD MORSE.	MICHAEL SCANLON.
WILLIAM E. FREESE.	NEWELL BOYDEN.
NICHOLAS KAVANAUGH.	HORACE C. BRIGGS.

Surveyors of Lumber.

ALTON N. CLARKE. JOHN F. FREESE. EDSON C. BOYDEN.

Surveyors of Highways.

DAVID FISHER.	EDWIN EVERETT.	PATRICK RIORDAN.
GEORGE E. GAY.	SIMON GOULD.	E. L. SHEPARD.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

ALTON N. CLARKE.	JOHN F. FREESE.	LEWIS L. BOWKER.
DAVID FISHER.	JAMES P. TISDALE.	D. P. BIRD.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

DANIEL P. BIRD.

Pound-Keeper.

SAMUEL L. GILMAN.

Auditors.

WALTER B. ALLEN.	M. CHRISTOPHER MURPHY.	F. H. FOWLER.
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Registrars of Voters.

Appointed by the Selectmen in March or April.

JAMES G. HARTSHORN, Term expires in 1888.

JOHN A. WAY, " " " 1889.

WILLIAM A. JEPSON, " " " 1890.

GEORGE P. MOREY, Town Clerk (*ex-officio*.)**Engineers of Fire Department.**

Appointed by the Selectmen in April.

CHARLES FALES.	H. N. LEWIS.	FRANK N. GAY.
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Forest Firewards.

Appointed by the Selectmen in March or April.

CHARLES FALES.	H. N. LEWIS.	FRANK N. GAY.
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Undertakers.

Licensed by the Board of Health on or before July 1.

NAAMAN B. WILMARTH.	NATHAN A. COBB.
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Auctioneers.

Licensed by the Selectmen.

SYLVANUS W. HARTSHORN.	NATHAN A. COBB.	JAMES P. TISDALE.
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Special Police.

N. EMMONS WINSLOW.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1887.

Support of schools : salaries, care of		
school-houses and superintendence	\$8,000	00
Supplies and incidentals for schools	600	00
Repairs of school-houses	400	00
“ “ highways and bridges	2,000	00
Support of poor at Almshouse	1,400	00
“ “ “ out of Almshouse	2,000	00
Fire Department deficiency	82	30
Town Hall	500	00
Notes and interest	3,300	00
Public Library	600	00
Post 157, G. A. R.	100	00
Town Officers' deficiency	100	00
“ “	800	00
Printing and stationery	250	00
Miscellaneous	2,500	00
State Tax	1,980	00
County Tax	895	67
		\$25,507 97

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We herewith submit a report of the expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1887, together with a statement of each appropriation, showing its standing on that date, and ask your careful study and consideration of the same.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

L. N. Cummings	\$600 00
Frank W. Kendall	400 00
S. G. Bagnall	360 00
Henry E. Cottle	150 00
Annie L. Bird	400 00
Lena F. Adams	376 00
Amy L. Boyden	500 00
Ellen B. Marsh	296 00
Lizzie Evans	336 00
Ella A. Hartshorn	336 00
Cora M. Chamberlain	312 00
Lizzie P. Bird	360 00
Mabel A. Jepson	336 00
Helen R. Stanley	400 00
Annie G. Carpenter.	268 00
Harriet E. Hutchinson	200 00

\$5,630 00

SUPERINTENDENT.

G. H. Danforth	\$700 00
Order 482. Town of Dedham (tuition)	160 00

\$860 00

CARE OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

A. D. Willett	\$477 50
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$477 50</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$477 50	
Chester Neal	36 75	
Mary Smith	70 00	
Edson C. Boyden	70 00	
David F. O'Brien	31 50	
Rossie Bullard	5 25	
Mrs. Otis Jordan . , . . .	6 00	
Harry A. Bullard	28 00	
Wm. Crowley	5 00	
Mrs. Timothy Donovan	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$738 00

FUEL FOR SCHOOLS.

Order 28. David O'Brien . . .	\$8 00	
119. David Fisher . . .	35 88	
126. David O'Brien . . .	8 00	
131. David Fisher . . .	28 75	
332. David Fisher . . .	123 23	
334. N. W. Fisher . . .	15 00	
341. David Fisher . . .	4 50	
357. Charles Brown . . .	6 00	
400. David O'Brien . . .	21 75	
432. David Fisher . . .	52 33	
473. " " . . .	77 95	
474. R. Morse . . .	42 00	
475. David O'Brien . . .	7 75	
476. Edwin Evans . . .	19 00	
526. N. W. Fisher . . .	13 00	
	<hr/>	\$463 14

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation	\$8,000 00	
Income of School Fund ($\frac{3}{4}$) . . .	135 27	
Dog Tax	278 59	
	<hr/>	\$8,413 86

Disbursements.

Teachers' salaries	\$5,630 00	
Care of school-houses	738 00	
Fuel for schools	463 14	
Superintendent	700 00	
Town of Dedham	160 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,691 14
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1887		<hr/> \$722 72

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Order 165. Edson C. Boyden	\$6 05	
166. A. D. Willett	4 09	
241. Plimpton Bros.	1 73	
282. C. L. Gray	20 15	
333. Chas. O. Hall	158 00	
335. M. W. Allen	30 94	
392. T. A. Barrett	13 20	
480. Edson C. Boyden	2 00	
477. M. W. Allen	4 86	
478. P. Riordan	4 50	
479. T. A. Barrett	2 75	
533. Jesse Gay	2 52	
534. T. A. Barrett	28 43	
535. M. W. Allen	6 43	
536. A. D. Willett	12 47	
481. Chas. O. Hall	5 95	
	<hr/>	\$304 07

*STATEMENT.**Receipts.*

Appropriation	\$400 00	
	<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Sundries, as per statement	304 07	
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1887		<hr/> \$95 93

SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS FOR SCHOOLS.

Order 25. D. P. Bird & Co.	\$ 90	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$ 90	

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	\$	90
69. Plimpton Bros.	. . .		1 03
100. Ginn & Co.	. . .		6 00
120. Geo. S. Perry	. . .		5 25
121. Prang Educational Co.			1 20
127. D. Appleton & Co.	. . .		1 75
128. Cyclostyle Co.	. . .		1 00
161. " "	. . .		2 40
162. Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.	. . .		5 04
163. Geo. S. Perry	. . .		27 70
164. Plimpton Bros.	. . .		2 03
66. Chas. H. Whiting	. . .		7 80
240. A. S. Allen	. . .		8 55
242. T. A. Barrett	. . .		2 04
243. A. D. Willett	. . .		2 35
244. J. R. Smith	. . .		8 00
245. J. H. Daniels	. . .		14 00
246. Geo. S. Perry	. . .		8 35
247. L. N. Cummings	. . .		1 49
248. Geo. W. Weatherbee	. . .		2 00
249. Geo. H. Danforth	. . .		19 55
327. A. E. Reed	. . .		4 65
331. Hollingsworth & Vose			5 89
336. Theodore Metcalf & Co.			1 92
337. Harrison & Hume	. . .		27 00
338. Willard Small	. . .		6 00
339. D. Appleton & Co.	. . .		16 27
340. Interstate Pub. Co.	. . .		5 00
342. John Holman & Co.	. . .		31 00
343. J. W. Staniford & Co.	. . .		15 83
344. John H. Ailman	. . .		6 00
345. Educational Supply Co.			8 95
346. E. H. Tarbell	. . .		3 20
347. Wm. Read & Sons	. . .		45
348. Burditt & Williams	. . .		18 92
349. Weeks & Potter	. . .		11 82
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	.	\$	291 33

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$291 33
350. Geo. S. Perry . . .	32 05
351. Plimpton Bros. . . .	7 71
352. Clark & Maynard. . .	5 04
353. Wm. Ware & Co. . . .	10 00
354. Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.	4 02
356. N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co.	25
355. Cyclostyle Co. . . .	3 25
391. Geo. S. Perry	13 48
392. T. A. Barrett	2 30
393. Burditt & Williams . .	1 00
394. H. A. Spear, Jr. . . .	11 52
395. Plimpton Bros. . . .	2 71
433. Willard Lewis & Co. . .	1 00
483. Cyclostyle Co. . . .	3 00
484. G. H. Danforth	8 40
485. John Holman & Co . . .	1 50
486. H. A. Spear, Jr. . . .	4 78
487. A. J. Wilkinson & Co.	1 10
488. Willard Small	15 71
489. Geo. S. Perry	7 95
490. Prang Educational Co.	5 04
491. Ginn & Co.	2 85
492. Fuller, Leonard & Small	60
493. Carter, Rice & Co. . . .	4 45
494. D. Appleton & Co. . . .	3 32
495. Conant Rubber Co. . . .	1 00
496. F. O. Pillsbury	1 25
497. Clark & Maynard. . . .	2 52
498. A. C. Stockin	11 34
499. Harper Bros.	3 25
500. Harrison & Hume. . . .	1 67
501. H. N. Lewis	4 70
502. Interstate Pub. Co. . . .	18 00
503. F. M. Ambrose	1 46
527. E. Winslow	9 65
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$499 20

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$499 20
529. H. D. Dupee . . .	48
530. Lee & Shepard . . .	10 00
528. Geo. S. Perry . . .	51 18
531. A. G. Whitcomb . . .	10 00
532. Willard Small . . .	25 04
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	\$595 90

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation	\$600 00
$\frac{1}{4}$ Income School Fund	45 08
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	\$645 08

Disbursements.

Sundries, as per statement	\$595 90
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1887	\$49 18
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SUPPORT OF POOR AT ALMSHOUSE.

Order 27. Geo. Hartshorn . . .	1 00
61. S. E. Stone . . .	43 50
70. Plimpton Bros. . .	17 53
101. C. H. Gowing . . .	112 50
108. R. M. Pulsifer & Co. . .	3 50.
109. Globe Newspaper Co. . .	2 34
112. H. N. Lewis . . .	20 97
113. Plimpton Bros. . .	11 13
114. F. O. Pillsbury . . .	5 20
124. C. H. Hartshorn . . .	84 32
141. Julius Guild . . .	25 00
168. N. B. Wilmarth . . .	21 00
170. James Smith . . .	15 00
175. Prescott Bros. . .	3 00
206. H. N. Lewis . . .	13 74
226. Plimpton Bros. . .	13 76
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Amount carried forward \$393 49

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$393 49
251. C. H. Hartshorn	56 73
256. Fisher Guild	13 18
267. Plimpton Bros. . . .	12 95
227. Geo. P. Chapin	100 00
285. H. N. Lewis	20 24
314. C. H. Hartshorn	61 37
315. David Fisher	62 50
317. Geo. P. Chapin. . . .	100 00
321. C. H. Fitts	3 99
324. Plimpton Bros. . . .	11 78
379. Wm. Mahoney	3 00
387. David Fisher	4 50
397. Geo. Hartshorn	6 00
399. Patrick Dalton	11 77
404. Town of Canton	5 50
425. H. A. Spear	13 47
464. Holmes Nye	4 80
469. Eben Fuller	28 70
471. David Fisher	1 75
509. Charles H. Hartshorn . .	63 47
519. Gideon Howe	1 05
520. H. N. Lewis	41 09
569. Plimpton Bros. . . .	15 18
560. Geo. P. Chapin	100 00
565. G. H. French	10 00
572. F. O. Pillsbury	1 10
577. T. A. Barrett	3 50
585. H. N. Shepardson	1 10
587. Fisher Guild	9 77
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	\$1161 98

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation	\$1400 00
C. M. Gowing, sale of produce . .	15 00
Geo. P. Chapin, sale of produce . .	150 50
N. B. Wilmarth, sale of mdse. . . .	4 67
Wm. Daniels, board	95 00
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	\$1665 17

Disbursements.

Sundries, as per statement		\$1161 98
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1887		<u>\$503 19</u>
Due from O. J. Young for grass	\$12 00	
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	14 00	
		<u>\$26 00</u>

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Order 95.	J. H. Tobin	\$12 00	
98.	Edwin Everett	18 10	
132.	Patrick Riordan	101 00	
169.	E. L. Shepard	44 70	
173.	Geo. E. Gay	176 10	
174.	Edwin Everett	75 80	
205.	David Fisher	143 75	
269.	Patrick Riordan	68 50	
329.	" "	31 75	
385.	E. L. Shepard	64 75	
398.	Edwin Everett	258 75	
403.	E. L. Shepard	40 20	
426.	Patrick Riordan	136 00	
429.	Simon Gould	231 06	
430.	M. W. Allen	43 74	
431.	Geo. E. Gay	198 90	
434.	David Fisher	256 25	
462.	Willard, Lewis & Co.	20 00	
463.	Patrick Riordan	8 15	
518.	Edwin Everett	7 50	
561.	David Fisher	36 00	
		<u>\$1,973 00</u>	

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation		\$2,000 00
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Disbursements.

Sundries, as per statement		\$1,973 00
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1887		<u>\$27 00</u>

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

SANE.

Henry E. Jackson :—

To cash paid E. E. Jackson	\$86 44
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Mrs. John Delaney :—

To cash paid David Fisher	.			\$7 00	
" " " C. H. Hartshorn	.			13 50	
				<hr/>	\$20 50

Ira Frizell :—

To cash paid estate of Charles					
Bouton	.	.	.	.	36 00

Mrs. John Nugent :—

To cash paid David Fisher	.			18 25	
" " " C. H. Hartshorn	.			14 80	
" " " N. W. Fisher	.			4 50	
				<hr/>	37 55

Patrick Kirby :—

To cash paid David Fisher	.	.	.		7 00
" " " Town of Foxboro',					
burial Drake girl	.	.	.		27 00

Commonwealth of Massachusetts :—

To cash paid for John Tyler	.			50 24	
" " " Walter Kitteringham				12 00	
				<hr/>	\$62 24

George Clark :—

To cash paid City of Lowell	.	.	.		80 00
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Thomas Kivlin :—

To cash paid City of Boston	.			12 44	
" " " Town of Hyde Park.				9 25	
				<hr/>	\$21 69

Town of Foxboro' :—

To cash paid for Mrs. Morse	.			16 75	
" " " " G. P. Hamilton				8 95	
				<hr/>	\$25 70

City of Boston :—

To cash paid for Abby Snowden	.	.	.		32 27
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\$429 39

INSANE.

Mary J. Carey :—	
To cash paid Westborough Insane Hospital,	\$177 13
Sarah Handon :—	
To cash paid Westborough Insane Hospital,	175 75
Emma M. Goss :—	
To cash paid Westborough Insane Hospital,	179 25
Patrick Reeves :—	
To cash paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	170 16
Timothy J. Donovan :—	
To cash paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	191 66
Bridget Mahoney :—	
To cash paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	180 35
Winfield S. Fisher :—	
To cash paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	60 99
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	\$1,135 29

STATEMENT.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00	
Town of Foxboro'	25 70	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	25 62	
	<hr/>	\$2,051 32

Disbursements.

Sundries, as per statement (sane)	\$429 39	
“ “ “ “ (insane)	1,135 29	
James F. Hopkins, State Aid,	60 00	
	<hr/>	1,624 68
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1887		\$426 64
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Due from Commonwealth of Mass.,	\$62 24	
“ “ City of Boston,	32 27	
	<hr/>	\$94 51

STREET LAMPS.

Appropriation of \$50.

Order 94.	Globe Gas Light Co.,	\$12 00	
176.	Willard Lewis,	5 00	
272.	G. F. Allen,	6 00	
507.	" " "	7 00	
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			\$30 00

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation	\$50 00
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Disbursements.

Sundries, as per statement	30 00
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1887	<hr/>
	\$20 00

STATE AID.

Jas. F. Hopkins, Acts 1879, Ch. 252,	\$120 00	
E. E. Jackson, Acts 1879, Ch. 301	\$48 00	
C. C. Green, " " " "	48 00	
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		\$196 00

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$183 50	
Charged support of poor out of Almshouse,	60 00	
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		\$243 50

Disbursements.

Deficiency Dec. 31, 1886,	\$183 50
Sundries, as per statement, one-half to be reimbursed by Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	120 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/>
	\$303 50

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$303 50	
Sundries, as per statement, to be reimbursed by Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	96 00	\$399 50
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Deficiency Dec. 31, 1887,		\$156 00
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Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Acts 1879, Ch. 252,	\$60 00	
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Acts 1879, Ch. 301,	96 00	
		\$156 00

TOWN HALL.

Order 57.	Walworth Mfg. Co.,	\$23 36	
99.	" " "	17 51	
119.	David Fisher,	6 89	
180.	" "	7 15	
239.	N. B. Wilmarth,	100 00	
316.	David Fisher,	146 19	
287.	Walworth Mfg. Co.,	16 76	
390.	" " "	17 08	
506.	Chas. H. Hartshorn,	4 00	
522.	Emmons Winslow,	10 65	
544.	Walworth Mfg. Co.,	19 30	
576.	T. A. Barrett,	9 30	
593.	N. B. Wilmarth,	112 50	
			\$490 69

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Rent of Hall	400 00	
Walworth Mfg. Co. . . .	1 60	
		\$901 60

Disbursements.

Sundries, as per statement	490 69
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1887	<u>\$410 91</u>

TOWN OFFICERS.

Order 71. Geo. E. Craig	<u>\$100 00</u>
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STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation	\$100 00
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Disbursements.

As per statement	<u>\$100 00</u>
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TOWN OFFICERS.

Order 270. N. W. Fisher, Assessor,	\$75 00
377. David Fisher, "	75 00
380. Porter S. Boyden,	75 00
435. John A. Way, Registrar,	10 00
436. Jas. G. Hartshorn, "	10 00
440. A. N. Cram, Selectman and Overseer of the Poor,	100 00
508. Chas. H. Hartshorn, Select- man and Overseer of the Poor, "	100 00
515. Julius Guild, Selectman and Overseer of the Poor,	100 00
516. Geo. P. Morey, Registrar,	25 00
517. " " " Town Clerk,	50 00
558. F. O. Pillsbury, " Treas.,	100 00
559. W. A. Jepson, Registrar,	10 00
	<u>\$730 00</u>

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation	\$800 00
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Disbursements.

Sundries, as per statement	730 00
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1887	<u>\$70 00</u>

POST 157, G. A. R.

Receipts.

Appropriation	<u>\$100 00</u>
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Disbursements.

Order 204. M. W. Allen, Quartermaster	<u>\$100 00</u>
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PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Order 1. Robt. S. Gray, Treas.,	\$150 00
177. " " " "	200 00
253. " " " "	150 00
441. " " " "	100 00
	<u>\$600 00</u>

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation	<u>\$600 00</u>
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Disbursements.

Sundries, as per statement	\$600 00
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POLICE.

Order 135. Emmons Winslow,	\$28 00
260. " "	36 00
281. " "	38 00
525. " "	6 00
	<u>\$108 00</u>

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation	\$500 00
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Disbursements.

Sundries, as per statement	\$108 00
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1887	<u>\$392 00</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Order 72. Spring Brook Hose Co. . . .	\$35 50	
73. Neponset Hook-and-Ladder Co. . . .	46 00	
74. Emmons Winslow. . . .	80	<u>\$82 30</u>

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation	\$82 30
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Disbursements.

Sundries, as per statement	<u>\$82 30</u>
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Order 106. Helen E. Clapp	\$7 50	
125. Maurice Griffin	6 00	
133. Charles Fales	9 00	
134. Frank N. Gay	1 95	
237. Helen E. Clapp	7 50	
286 Neponset Hook-and-Ladder Co.	46 00	
328. Helen E. Clapp	7 50	
378. David Fisher	4 00	
465. Combination Ladder Co. . . .	7 00	
466. Frank N. Gay	3 00	
470. Tiger Engine Co. . . .	9 00	
510. N. Y. and N. E. R. R. Co. . . .	34	
537. E. Winslow	50	
539. W. H. Merrill	3 00	
540. Frank N. Gay	6 50	
541. Tiger Engine Co. . . .	16 50	
542. H. N. Lewis	4 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$139 29</u>	

<i>Amount brought forward</i>			\$139 29
543. Neponset Hook-and-Ladder			
Co.		93 50	
552. Helen E. Clapp		7 50	
538. Henry C. Hunt, Agt.		25 50	
591. Spring Brook Hose Co.		64 50	\$330 29

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation			\$600 00
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Disbursements.

Sundries, as per statement			\$330 29
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1887			\$269 71

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Order 62.	Maverick National Bank,		
	interest	\$160 00	
110.	Maverick National Bank,		
	interest	100 00	
167.	Maverick National Bank,		
	interest	150 89	
231.	Maverick National Bank,		
	interest	40 00	
232.	Worcester North Savings		
	Institution, interest	240 00	
273.	Maverick National Bank,		
	note	2,000 00	
274.	Maverick National Bank,		
	interest	160 00	
318.	Maverick National Bank,		
	interest	100 00	
557.	Worcester North Savings		
	Institution, interest	240 00	
596.	Maverick National Bank,		
	interest	40 00	\$3230 89

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation	\$3,300 00
Interest on Deposits	107 76
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	\$3,407 76

Disbursements.

Sundries, as per statement	3,230 89
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1887.	<hr/>
	\$176 87

PRINTING VALUATION.

Order 330. Arthur S. Allen	\$122 10
377. David Fisher	25 00
380. Porter S. Boyden	25 00
270. N. W. Fisher	25 00
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	\$197 10

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation	200 00
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Disbursements.

Sundries, as per statement	\$197 10
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1887	<hr/>
	2 90

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Order 58. Rockwell & Churchill	\$126 90
63. Samuel Hobbs & Co.	2 67
64. M. J. Kiley	7 00
96. Thomas Groom & Co.	10 00
268. Rockwell & Churchill	4 00
283. Canton Journal	6 84
323. Arthur S. Allen	2 60
405. Rockwell & Churchill	5 00
428. Samuel Hobbs & Co.	8 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/>
	\$173 01

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$173 01
556. Arthur S. Allen	.	.	.	1 10
571. Frank O. Pilsbury	.	.	.	2 30
			<u></u>	\$176 41

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation	\$250 00
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Disbursements.

Sundries, as per statement	\$176 41
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1887	<u>\$73 59</u>

STATE TAX.

Receipts.

Appropriation	\$1,980 00
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Disbursements.

Order 442. A. W. Beard, State Treasurer	\$1,980 00
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TEMPORARY LOAN.

Order 402. Maverick National Bank	.	.	.	\$7,000 00
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STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Maverick National Bank	.	.	.	\$7,000 00
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STREET LAMPS.

Order 504. John E. Mann	.	.	\$5 00
547. T. W. Hartshorn	.	.	5 00
549. George E. Craig	.	.	15 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	.	.	<u>\$25 00</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$25 00
551. Helen E. Clapp	5 00
562. Geo. H. Kingsbury	3 00
570. A. J. Rumells	5 00
582. A. N. Cram	5 00
583. J. B. Cram	5 00
584. W. Hartshorn,	5 00
588. F. A. Hartshorn, Jr.	5 00
548. East Walpole V. I. Society	31 00
546. W. E. Freese	5 00
550. Willard Lewis	5 00
586. Israel Spear	5 00
594. George P. Morey	5 00
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	\$109 00

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation	\$200.00
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Disbursements.

Sundries, as per statement	\$109 00
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1887	<hr/>
	\$91 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Order 26. D. P. Bird, Lanterns and Globes	\$5 10
59. Nathaniel Smith, surveying, etc.	26 00
60. Geo. E. Craig, sundries	13 57
65. P. Riordan, removing snow	29 90
97. E. L. Shepard, removing snow	1 00
111. P. Riordan, removing snow	12 85
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/>
	\$88 42

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$88 42
129. American Road Machine Co.	12 00
130. E. L. Shepard, removing snow	9 70
171. Edwin Everett, removing snow	5 35
172. George E. Gay, removing snow	7 50
228. Porter S. Boyden, labor on Stone St. fence	34 05
258. S. W. Hartshorn,	3 00
266. Commonwealth of Mass. Liquor license	25
284. S. W. Hartshorn, expenses to Tewksbury	7 07
377. David Fisher, incidentals	5 47
380. Porter S. Boyden, incidentals	3 00
388. John B. Rooney, Constable	30 75
122. John B. Rooney, Constable	12 60
396. Town of Norfolk, taxes	2 16
427. David Fisher	15 70
468. Jesse Gay, painting sign	75
467. David W. Lewis, drain pipe	28 05
511. N. Y. and N. E. R. R. Co. freight	1 25
512. George P. Morey, sundries	13 50
521. E. C. Norton, M. D., services	2 50
523. H. C. Briggs, livery	1 00
524. S. W. Hartshorn, expenses to Tewksbury	6 75
563. Geo. H. Kingsbury, labor	1 25
566. G. H. French, M.D., services	2 50
567. " " " recording births and deaths	3 75
573. J. B. Rooney, constable	12 40
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$310 72</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$310 72
574. Richard Walsh, "	4 50
575. Norfolk Pub. Co., notices	1 50
579. James E. Cotter, services	
'86 and '87	85 00
581. John L. Eldridge, services	40 00
514. Julius Guild, expenses .	8 60
564. Bradford, Lewis & Son, use	
of pump and hose 3 hours	75 00
589. L. H. Plimpton, consultation	2 00
590. " " reporting 27	
births	6 75
592. N. B. Wilmarth, reporting	
36 deaths	9 00
595. Geo. P. Morey, fees and ex-	
penses	47 35
123. Geo. P. Morey, insurance	
Almshouse	28 80
598. N. A. Cobb, abatements	225 58
599. " " " discounts	1,396 43
600. " " " salary	174 00
601. E. B. Leonard, recording	
births	1 25

\$2,416 48

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation	\$2,500 00
Corporation Tax	477 59
D. H. Murphy	8 00
F. O. Pillsbury	1 00
Walpole Assembly, K. of L. . . .	116 64
National Bank Tax	507 50

\$3,610 73

Disbursements.

Sundries, as per statement	\$2,416 48
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1887	\$1,694 25

RECAPITULATION.

Support of schools ; salaries ; care of school-houses, fuel for schools, and superintendence	\$7,691 14
Supplies and incidentals for schools	595 90
Repairs of school-houses	304 07
“ highways and bridges	1,973 00
Support of poor at Almshouse	1,161 98
“ “ “ out of “	1,564 68
State Aid	216 00
Fire Department	330 29
“ “ Deficiency	82 30
Town Hall	490 69
Notes and interest	3,230 89
Public Library	600 00
Post 157, G. A. R.	100 00
Town Officers	730 00
“ “ Deficiency	100 00
Police	108 00
Printing and stationery	176 41
“ Valuation	197 10
Street Lamps	109 00
“ “ (Appropriation \$50)	30 00
State Tax	1,980 00
Temporary loans	7,000 00
Miscellaneous	794 47
Abatement of Taxes	225 58
Discount on Taxes	1,396 43
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	\$31,187 93

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN DECEMBER 31, 1887.

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury	\$6,252 58
Due from Commonwealth of Massa- chusetts for State Aid	60 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$6,312 58

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	\$6,312 58	
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts for support of paupers	.	76 24	
Due from City of Boston for support of paupers	.	32 27	
		<hr/>	\$6,421 09

LIABILITIES.

Due appropriations for Town Records	\$50 00	
“ under Susan Capen’s Will	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$150 00

The following is a statement of the Town’s debt on account of Town Hall, bearing interest at 4 per cent., payable semi-annually :—

Note due Sept. 1, 1888	.	.	.	\$2,000 00	
“ “ 1889	.	.	.	2,000 00	
“ “ 1890	.	.	.	2,000 00	
“ April 1, 1891	.	.	.	5,000 00	
“ July 1, 1896	.	.	.	2,000 00	
				<hr/>	\$13,000 00

Also debt on account of School-house, bearing interest at 4 per cent., payable semi-annually :—

Note due July 1, 1891	.	.	.	\$2,400 00	
“ “ 1892	.	.	.	2,400 00	
“ “ 1893	.	.	.	2,400 00	
“ “ 1894	.	.	.	2,400 00	
“ “ 1895	.	.	.	2,400 00	
				<hr/>	\$12,000 00

ESTIMATES FOR 1888.

Support of schools: salaries, care of school-houses, fuel for schools, and superintendence	.	.	.	\$8,000 00
Incidentals for schools	.	.	.	550 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	.	.	.	\$8,550 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$8,550 00
Repairs of school-houses . . .	250 00
“ highways and bridges . . .	2,500 00
Support of poor at Almshouse . . .	1,300 00
“ “ out of “ . . .	1,800 00
Fire Department	500 00
Town Hall	400 00
Notes and interest	3,100 00
Public Library	550 00
Post 157, G. A. R.	100 00
Town Officers	800 00
Printing and stationery	250 00
Miscellaneous	2,500 00
Street Lamps	300 00
State Tax, amount assessed	
County “ “ “	
	<hr/> \$22,900 00

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS GUILD,
CHARLES H. HARTSHORN,
ARTHUR N. CRAM,

Selectmen of Walpole.

WALPOLE, Dec. 31, 1887.

OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN, TOWN HALL,

WALPOLE, MASS., Feb. 4, 1888.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887, and find them correct and properly vouched.

M. C. MURPHY,
F. H. FOWLER.

LIST OF JURORS.

AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN, FOR THE YEAR 1888.

Alexander, Edward M.
 Allen, Melzar W.
 Billings, Charles H.
 Bird, Charles.
 Boyden, Elbridge P.
 Briggs, Horace C.
 Cantwell, Patrick H.
 Craig, George E.
 Everett, Daniel E.
 Fales Charles.
 Fisher, Ira.
 Guild, Julius.
 Hartshorn, Charles H.
 Kingsbury, George H.
 Leland, James H.
 Lewis George W.

Lane, Harry B.
 Morey, George P.
 Morse, Richard.
 Maguire, Thomas T.
 Nye, Holmes.
 Parsons, Josiah J.
 Piper, Myron H.
 Reed, Francis L.
 O'Brien, John P.
 Rooney, John B.
 Scott, James G.
 Smith Henry W.
 Turner, Daniel.
 Wilmarth, Naaman B.
 Whitton, Ivory.
 Winslow, N. Emmons.

JULIUS GUILD,
 CHARLES H. HARTSHORN,
 ARTHUR N. CRAM,

Selectmen of Walpole.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

SUPPORT OF POOR AT ALMSHOUSE.

1887.

Jan. 1.	Amount of personal prop- erty at Almsthouse .	\$550 00	
	Amount paid for supplies	1,161 98	
		<hr/>	\$1,711 98
Dec. 31.	Amount of personal prop- erty at Almsthouse .	\$550 00	
	Amount received for sun- dries and due from Com- monwealth of Mass., and others	291 17	
		<hr/>	\$841 17
	Net cost		<hr/> \$870 81

INMATES DURING THE YEAR.

John E. Grant,	52 weeks,	
Elvira B. Grant,	52 "	
Asa Frizell,	52 "	
William Daniels,	52 "	
Rachael Patch,	13 " 1 day.	
Mary Ring,	8 " 2 days.	
Anna Ring,	8 " 2 "	
Mary Ring,	5 " 5 "	
Walter Kitteringham,	2 "	
Mary Doody,	5 days.	
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	246	1

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Amount paid	\$1,624 68
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .	<hr/> \$1,624 68

<i>Amount brought forward</i>			\$1,624 68
Amount received from Town of Fox-			
boro',	\$25 70		
Amount received from Common-			
wealth of Mass.	25 62		
Amount due from Commonwealth of			
Mass	62 24		
Amount due from City of Boston	32 27		
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			145 83
Net cost			<hr/>
			\$1,478 85

The Almshouse continued to April 1st, under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gowing, whose good management and economy need no praise from your board. While very reluctant to have them go, and feeling that the Town was losing valuable servants, we were forced so to do. In looking about for a new Master and Matron, we were more than fortunate in securing the services of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Chapin, who have since had charge, and proved themselves capable, and competent to take charge of all details.

The number of inmates at the beginning of the year was five, at the end seven (one an infant); two have been admitted during the year; one born at Almshouse and one has died. The cash payments for the year above receipts and what is due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts and others were \$870.81. The average number of inmates gives 246 1-7 weeks for one person, making the cost \$3.54 per week for each inmate, against \$3.90 last year. The amount expended the past year for support of poor out of the Almshouse, not including the insane, was \$489.39 against \$539.82 last year. Included in this amount (\$489.39) are charges to other towns for the support of their paupers living in Walpole, amounting to \$120.21, which has been, or will be, paid into the town treasury, leaving a net amount of \$369.18 against \$476.57 last year. We have been very fortunate with cases of outdoor poor which have come under our notice this year. Consequently above figures cannot be taken as a basis for ensuing

year. The cost of support of insane has been \$1,135.29. Number of dependents has been seven; six are now in the hospitals.

H. E. Jackson is no longer dependent on the Town.

Wm. Daniels becomes dependent on the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS GUILD,
CHARLES H. HARTSHORN,
ARTHUR N. CRAM,

Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR 1887.

NATHAN A. COBB, *Collector, in account with Town of Walpole.*

1887.

Dr.

To amount of taxes for 1887, com-

mitted for collection . . . \$25,175 42

To additional . . . 38 67

To accrued interest . . . 8 08

————— \$25,222 17

Cr.

Aug. 13. By cash paid F. O. Pils-
bury, Town Treas., \$200 00

15. By cash paid F. O. Pils-
bury, Town Treas., 125 00

16. By cash paid F. O. Pils-
bury, Town Treas., 150 00

18. By cash paid F. O. Pils-
bury, Town Treas., 75 00

Sept. 8. By cash paid F. O. Pils-
bury, Town Treas., 505 68

30. By cash paid F. O. Pils-
bury, Town Treas., 899 31

Oct. 5. By cash paid F. O. Pils-
bury, Town Treas., 98 51

6. By cash paid F. O. Pils-
bury, Town Treas., 300 00

15. By cash paid F. O. Pils-
bury, Town Treas., 513 00

22. By cash paid F. O. Pils-
bury, Town Treas., 375 00

31. By cash paid F. O. Pils-
bury, Town Treas., 425 00

Amount carried forward . \$3,666 50

		<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$3,666 50
Nov.	3.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Town Treas.,	1,787 69
	4.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Town Treas.,	1,655 00
	7.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Town Treas.,	5,394 36
	8.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Town Treas.,	8,814 91
	28.	By cash paid for County Tax,	895 67
Dec.	2.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Town Treas.,	508 11
	5.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Town Treas.,	90 00
	8.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Town Treas.,	89 00
	19.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Town Treas.,	125 00
	26.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Town Treas.,	165 00
	31.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, Town Treas.,	2,030 93
			<hr/> \$25,222 17

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN A. COBB,

Collector.

WALPOLE, Dec. 31, 1887. _____

Examined and approved.

JULIUS GUILD,

CHARLES H. HARTSHORN,

ARTHUR N. CRAM,

Selectmen of Walpole.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

F. O. PILSBURY, *Treasurer, in acct. with the Town of Walpole.*
1887.

Dr.

Jan. 1.	To balance from old account, being Cash on hand		\$3,534 99
26.	To State Treasurer for Income of School Fund	\$180 35	
26.	To County Treasurer for dog licenses for 1886	278 59	
Feb. 1.	To Maverick National Bank (Int. on Jan. deposits)	13 47	
21.	To George E. Craig for rent of Town Hall	95 00	
Mar. 1.	To Maverick National Bank (Int. on Feb. deposits)	6 44	
8.	To George E. Craig for rent of Town Hall	45 00	
26.	To State Treasurer for Corporation Tax	7 63	
26.	To State Treasurer for burial of State paupers.	10 00	
26.	To Town of Foxboro for Aid to G. P. Hamilton	8 95	
26.	To Town of Foxboro' for Aid to Mrs. Morse	7 00	
28.	To C. M. Gowing, for sales at Almshouse	15 00	
Apr. 1.	To Maverick National Bank (Int. on March deposits)	4 93	
	<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$672 36	\$3,534 99

		<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$672 36	\$3,534 99
	2.	To Walworth M'fg Co for empty barrels from Town Hall	1 60	
	25.	To N. B. Wilmarth, for rent of Town Hall	50 00	
May	1.	To Maverick National Bank (Int. on April de- posits)	95	
	4.	To Maverick National Bank (Treasurer's note, 7 mos., at 4 per cent., due Nov. 15—18, 1887	7,000 00	
	19.	To Walpole Assembly No. 5070, Knights of Labor (Rent of village school- house 4 mos.)	50 00	
	24.	To D. H. Murphy of Fox- boro', for license to ped- dle boots and shoes till May 7th, 1888	8 00	
	26.	To State Treasurer, for support of State paupers	15 62	
June	1.	To Maverick National Bank (Int. on May de- posits)	11 01	
July	1.	To Maverick National Bank (Int. on June de- posits)	9 80	
	8.	To George P. Chapin, for sales at Almshouse	50 00	
	28.	To F. O. Pillsbury, for 6th class liquor license fee	1 00	
	29.	To N. B. Wilmarth, for rent of Town Hall	50 00	
		<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$7,920 34	\$3,534 99

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$7,920 34	\$3,534 99
Aug. 1.	To Maverick National Bank (Int. on July deposits)	6 90	
13.	To N. B. Wilmarth, for cash personal effects of deceased paupers at Almshouse	4 67	
13.	To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	200 00	
15.	To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	125 00	
16.	To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	150 00	
18.	To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	75 00	
Sept. 1.	To Maverick National Bank (Int. on August deposits)	5 89	
3.	To Samuel Allen, for 26 weeks' board of William Daniels	65 00	
8.	To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	505 68	
30.	To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	899 31	
Oct. 1.	To Geo. P. Chapin, for sales at Almshouse	50 00	
1.	To Maverick National Bank (Int. on September deposits)	2 87	
5.	To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	98 51	
6.	To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	300 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$10,409 17	\$3,534 99

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$10,409 17	\$3,534 99
15.	To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	513 00	
17.	To N. B. Wilmarth, for rent of Town Hall	50 00	
22.	To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	375 00	
31.	To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	425 00	
Nov. 1.	To Maverick National Bank (Int. on October deposits)	2 80	
3.	To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	1,787 69	
4.	To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	1,655 00	
7.	To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	5,394 36	
8.	To Walpole Assembly, No. 5070, Knights of Labor, (Rent of village school- house 5 mos. to Oct. 1st)	41 65	
8.	To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	8,814 91	
21.	To N. B. Wilmarth, for rent of Town Hall	50 00	
Dec. 1.	To Maverick National Bank (Int. on November deposits)	22 70	
2.	To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	508 11	
5.	To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	90 00	
8.	To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	89 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$30,228 39	\$3,534 99

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$30,228 39	\$3,534 99
8. To State Treasurer :—		
Corporation Tax .	469 96	
National Bank Tax .	507 50	
State Aid, Chap. 252, Acts 1879 . . .	55 50	
State Aid, Chap. 301, Acts 1879 . . .	128 00	
19. To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	125 00	
26. To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	165 00	
31. To N. A. Cobb, Collector, on account taxes for 1887	2,030 93	
31. To George P. Chapin, for sales at Almshouse .	50 50	
31. To Town of Foxboro', for aid to Mrs. Ann F. Morse	9 75	
31. To Maverick National Bank (Int. on December deposits)	20 00	
31. To Walpole Assembly, No. 5070, Knights of Labor, (Rent of village school- house for 3 months) .	24 99	
31. To Samuel Allen, for 12 weeks' board of William Daniels	30 00	
31. To N. B. Wilmarth, for rent of Town Hall .	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$33,905 52
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CR.		\$37,440 51
By amount paid out on Selectmen's orders	\$31,187 93	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$31,187 93	

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	\$31,187 93	
By balance to new account		6,252 58	
		<hr/>	\$37,440 51
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Respectfully submitted,

FRANK O. PILSBURY,

Treasurer.

WALPOLE, Dec. 31, 1887.

Examined and approved.

JULIUS GUILD,

CHAS. H. HARTSHORN,

ARTHUR N. CRAM,

Selectmen of Walpole.

OFFICE OF THE TOWN TREASURER, TOWN HALL,
WALPOLE, MASS., Feb. 3, 1888.

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887, and find them correct and properly vouched.

M. C. MURPHY,

F. H. FOWLER,

Auditors.

TWELTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE WALPOLE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887.

About May 1st. the Trustees voted to change the Library hours. Since that time the Library has been open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, opening an hour earlier than formerly. Although we receive a less number of hours of service per week from the Librarian, we are satisfied that the change has not been detrimental, but on the contrary the additional hour from 2 to 3 p. m. is well utilized, and is especially convenient for the High school scholars, who are using the Library in connection with their school work, and we hope, with the assistance of our superintendent and teachers, to make the Library of more use to the young people of the town next year than it has ever been.

The shelves in one room proving inadequate to meet the growing requirements, the Trustees had sufficient new shelves put in to accommodate the new books as they are added, also room for the Mass. and U. S. official documents. The insurance has been raised to the sum of \$3000. This with the extra expense of shelving, has consequently reduced the amount available for the purchase of books.

The set of books required for the Chautauquan work have been put into the Library as "three day" books.

The following statistics, furnished by the Librarian, show the number of volumes for circulation to be 3,988.

United States and Mass. Public Documents	730
Pamphlets	100
Books of reference	78
Number of books added this year	370

Of these 192 were fiction, 178 solid literature.

The number of magazines taken, 17 copies of 12
magazines.

Total circulation for the year	17355
Average daily " " " "	92
The percentage of fiction issued	69
Magazines issued	15
Others "	16
The number of new names	121
Whole number of persons borrowing books	698

The East Walpole people pay for bringing the books to and from the Library every week and about 1200 books are sent there during the year.

Our grateful acknowledgments are due to the following persons, from whom donations of books have been received during the year:—

Mr. Washington Glover, 27 copies Sidereal Messenger. Thirty-second Annual Report of Mass. Fire and Marine Ins. Commissioners.

Mr. Wm. W. Goddard, First Report of Hopedale Public Library.

Dr. E. D. Peters, Jr., Modern Am. Methods of Copper Smelting.

Dana Robbins, Pub. Documents and Pamphlets.

Mrs. C. L. Grey, 2 volumes.

A friend through Hon. F. W. Bird, 117 volumes.

Com. of Publication, 250th Anniversary of Town of Dedham.

Two friends, portrait of Dr. S. E. Stone.

Mr. Henry D. Dupee, Memorial of Mr. James A. Dupee, also frame and plan of first survey of B. & P. R. R. presented in 1886 by Jas. A. Dupee.

Also the Editors of the Walpole Star, the Dedham Transcript and the Norwood Advertiser.

For the cost of maintaining the Library we respectfully refer you to the Treasurer's report. The Trustees would recommend that the sum of \$550 be appropriated by the Town, to the use of the Public Library for the year ensuing.

For the Trustees,

N. W. FISHER, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ROBERT S. GRAY, *Treasurer of the Trustees, in account with
Walpole Public Library.*

1887.

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Dec. 31, Balance on hand	\$12 80	
To amount received from Town		
Treasurer	600 00	
Fines collected on books	38 00	
Sale of catalogues	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$656 80

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By Librarian, salary to date	\$150 00	
By Librarian, extra work	25 80	
New books	290 36	
Catalogues	22 05	
Insurance	90 45	
Supplies	38 05	
Binding books	24 00	
Balance on hand	16 09	
	<hr/>	\$656 80
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REPORT OF THE ENGINEERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable Board of the Selectmen, the Engineers of the Fire Department respectfully submit the following reports for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887.

The Department has been called out four times.

Jan. 5. To fire at house of John Early, and saved most of main house and contents. Insured \$2000.

Oct. 13. To fire in woods of John R. Morse, which was extinguished with trifling damage.

Oct. 28. To fire of Plimpton Bros., buildings, owned by J. G. and C. D. Hartshorn. The building wholly destroyed and greater part of contents: both buildings and contents insured. Cause unknown.

Nov. 8. To fire in woods of E. D. Brooks and John Early. After a hard fight the fire was subdued. Fire caught from railroad engine. Damage to Brooks \$4.00; Early \$150.00.

CHARLES FALES,
FRANK N. GAY,
H. N. LEWIS,

Engineers of Fire Department.

WALPOLE, Dec. 31, 1887.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS, IN TOWN OF WALPOLE

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1887.

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN WALPOLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1887.

Date of Birth.		Name of Child.	Name of Parents.
Jan.	1	Howard Force Everett.....	Chas. W. and Mary J.....
"	5	Amy Louisa Boyden.....	William H. and Sarah J.....
"	12	William Lewis Wood.....	Willnam E. and Calista E.....
"	19	Caleb Briggs } Twins.....	Horace C. and Mary V.....
"	19	Blanchie Briggs }	
"	22	John McKee.....	John A. and Sarah.....
"	24	Alice Frances Williams.....	George W. and Clara E.....
"	25	Patsey Cullen.....	Patrick and Catharine.....
"	26	Leo Gregory Cashen.....	Edmund S. and Joanna A.....
"	30	Leroy Benjamin Willard.....	Daniel G. and Julia A.....
Feb.	23	Alexander Cavanaugh.....	Nicholas and Ellen.....
"	26	Mary Ann Hennessey.....	James and Mary.....
March	2	Silas Everett Boyden.....	E. Munroe and Sarah P.....
"	10	Blanch Arinda Hewins.....	William K. and Elizabeth D.....
"	12	Bessie Minnie Shaier.....	Joseph and Elizabeth.....
"	31	John Walter Kannaly.....	Michael and Mary E.....
April	19	Alice Agnes Downing.....	Michael and Mary.....
May	4	Gladys Elizabeth Brown.....	George H. and Elizabeth.....
"	4	Blanch Alida Noyes.....	Earnest W. and Adelaid C.....
"	27	Edith Harlan Bird.....	Charles S. and Anna J.....
"	29	Harold Irving Guild.....	Fisher and Rose E.....
June	3	Mary Louisa O'Brien.....	John P. and Mary S.....
"	7	Joanna Donahoe.....	James and Catharine.....
"	9	Bernardo Scott Johnson.....	B. Scott and Anna.....
"	28	Bessie Bullard.....	Albert E. and Mary E.....
July	3	Arthur Howard Metcalf.....	Horace C. and Mary C.....
"	12	Eliza Cunningham.....	Michael and Mary A.....
"	12	Edmund Scanlon.....	Michael, and Theresa.....
"	23	Louisa Mande Gazette.....	Charles G. and Lily.....
"	28	Julia Ann Higgins.....	Dennis and Nora.....
"	28	John Mahoney.....	John and Julia.....
Aug.	3	Lily Booth.....	Gilbert W. and Mary A.....
"	4	Lewis Clap Briggs.....	Lewis C. and Mary J.....
"	13	Mae Clotilde Cummings.....	Leonard N. and Ella F.....
"	13	Everett Whiting Boyden.....	Erastus E. and Adeline.....
"	18	Mary Kennedy.....	Joseph and Sarah.....
"	27	Mary Elizabeth McHugh.....	Patrick H. and Catharine E.....
Sept.	9	Harry Charles Miller.....	Elijah and Addie M.....
"	14	George Henry Scherer.....	David F. and Annie B.....
"	15	John Sullivan.....	James and Hannah.....
"	18	Mary Francis Crowley.....	William and Maggie V.....
"	19	Annie Waldron.....	James and Ellen.....
"	28	Mary Hennessey.....	William and Mary.....
"	29	Mary Lillian Murphy.....	M. Christopher and Harriet E.....
Oct.	1	Mary Margaret Parker.....	Mathew and Mary.....
"	12	Francis Michael Morrissey.....	Thomas and Margaret.....
"	12	Julia Cantwell.....	Patrick H. and Catharine.....
"	24	Arthur Cheetham Ashworth.....	Peter S. and Mary.....
Nov.	4	Ethel May Dorr.....	Charles E. and Hattie E.....
"	19	Catharine Elizabeth Gould.....	Frank L. and Sarah E.....
"	22	Mary Ring.....	Mary F. Ring.....
Dec.	17	Agnes Colbert.....	Michael and Ellen.....
"	20	John Church.....	William and Josephine A.....
"	22	Marguerite Verity Doggett.....	Charles S. and Sarah A.....
"	30	Catharine Sullivan.....	Daniel C. and Hannah.....
1886.		1886.	1886.
May	19	Ella Booth.....	Gilbert W. and Mary A.....
Dec.	25	Marguerite Elizabeth Mahoney.....	William H. and Mary A.....

MARRIAGES.

REGISTERED IN WALPOLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1887.

- Jan. 5.—Charles H. Billings, of Walpole, and May Howard, of Foxboro'.
Feb. 2.—Charles G. Gazette and Lilly Raynard, both of Walpole.
21.—Charles H. Minchin and Cora B. Wilks, both of Braintree.
Mar. 16.—Archibald Jonah and Effie McCuaig, both of Walpole.
16.—Frank L. Scrymgeour, of Boston, and Elizabeth L. Cheney, of Walpole.
Apr. 7.—William W. Page, of Walpole, and Clara W. Luther, of Mansfield.
20.—Thomas L. Gary, of Brockton, and Nora F. Crowley, of Walpole.
28.—John H. Smith, of Walpole, and Elizabeth A. Donnelly, of Holliston.
28.—James J. Waldron and Ellen McParland, both of Walpole.
May 21.—John Hogan and Catharine Welch, both of Walpole.
25.—James A. Joyce and Mary E. Foley, both of Walpole.
June 6.—Edward B. Coburn, of Walpole, and Elizabeth Woodburn, of Grafton.
8.—George H. French, of Walpole, and Nellie M. Rich, of Fremont, N. H.
16.—John H. Patton and Margaret O'Reilley, both of Walpole.
16.—John H. Mayer and Annie M. Goos, both of Walpole.
27.—George Miller Pinney, Jr., of N. Y. City, and Olive Frances Child, of Quincy.
29.—Arthur L. Bateman, of Norwood, and Elleone V. Aldrich, of Walpole.
Aug. 5.—George J. Burton and Mary Flynn, both of Walpole.
18.—Frank L. Gould and Sarah E. Drugan, both of Walpole.
20.—William F. Nye, of Foxboro', and Martha W. Frizell, of Walpole.
Sept. 9.—John W. Vance and Etta M. Dunlap, both of Walpole.
12.—Michael O'Connor and Jane Smith, both of Walpole.
28.—Thomas F. Maguire, of Walpole, and Bridget M. Mahan, of Boston.
29.—Peter S. Ashworth and Mary Cheetham, both of Walpole.
Oct. 5.—C. Frederic Hartshorn and Susie C. Runnells, both of Walpole.
5.—Julius E. Loehr, of Revere, and Martha A. Orrall, of Walpole.
6.—Charles J. Quinn and Catharine Dowling, both of Walpole.
22.—Harris E. Hudson and Mary Walton, both of Walpole.
26.—William F. Morse, of Walpole, and Catharine L. Britton, of Wrentham.
Nov. 1.—Harrison H. Child and Rebecca H. Bird, both of Walpole.
5.—William F. Richardson, of Walpole, and Mary Conly, of Norwood.
23.—John H. Tobin, of Walpole, and Charlotte F. Walsh, of Framingham.
23.—Nathan O. Gay, of Walpole, and Annie E. Thompson, of Norfolk.
Dec. 7.—Horace N. Hathaway, of Brockton, and Emma Park, of Walpole.
7.—John M. Young, Jr., of Framingham, and Annie L. Clapp, of Walpole.
28.—Frank W. Kendall, of Walpole, and Carrie E. Hatch, of New Bedford.

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN WALPOLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1887.

Date.		Names.	Cause of Death.	Ages.		
				Y.	M.	D.
Jan.	4	Mary Quinn.....	Ovarian Tumor.....	40	...	...
"	5	David Walsh.....	Lung Fever.....	66	3	...
"	12	Metcalf Smith.....	Old Age.....	83	10	4
"	29	John Higgins.....	Membranous Croup.....	4	10	29
"	29	Silas Emlyn Stone.....	Bright's Disease.....	48	5	19
Feb.	3	Emily W. Duff.....	Pneumonia.....	11	9	...
"	11	Ellen B. Hannaford.....	Pneumonia.....	3	6	...
"	21	David Laracy.....	Measles.....	3	...	...
March	2	Andrew Kelley.....	Old Age.....	79	...	...
"	5	John McKee.....	Meningitis.....	...	1	8
"	7	James Morrissey.....	Bright's Disease.....	73	...	...
"	14	John Lowell Jepson.....	Bright's Disease.....	60	4	20
"	24	Howard F. Guild.....	Dentition.....	1	6	...
April	2	Alfred Clark.....	Rheumatism of the Heart.....	63	6	...
"	2	Rachel B. Patch.....	Old Age.....	82	10	28
"	9	Mary A. Winch.....	Old Age with Dropsy.....	83	9	11
"	20	Henrietta J. Loring.....	Consumption.....	36	7	16
"	21	Dennis Foley.....	Consumption.....	48	...	...
"	26	Louisa Smith.....	Old Age.....	82	...	...
"	30	Edward Burke.....	Pneumonia.....	74	10	...
May	8	Ellen Lane.....	Meningitis.....	23	11	20
"	9	James Coughlin.....	Colic.....	61	...	...
"	16	Caleb Briggs.....	Bronchitis.....	...	3	27
"	19	John Broderick.....	Consumption.....	31	...	...
"	21	Catharine Cody.....	Anaemia.....	62	...	...
"	23	Mary Bowles.....	Old Age.....	86	5	...
"	27	Robert Llewellyn.....	Consumption.....	21	2	15
"	31	Nelson Gosha.....	Meningitis.....	...	7	22
June	8	Unnamed Female.....	Still Born.....	...	...	...
"	8	Blanchie Briggs.....	Meningitis.....	...	4	20
"	9	Lewis Allen.....	Old Age.....	91	3	19
"	30	Ralph R. Campbell.....	Drowning Accident.....	10	7	16
July	1	Mary A. Ellis.....	Measles.....	37	7	8
"	7	Bessie Bullard.....	Infantile Debility.....	...	...	...
"	8	Elizabeth Cotter.....	Cancer.....	40	...	...
"	9	Catharine Kelley.....	Old Age.....	90	...	...
"	10	Benjamin A. Johnson.....	Rheumatism & Consumption.....	31	6	...
"	14	Unnamed Female.....	Still Born.....	...	...	...
"	16	Minnie Scherer.....	Consumption.....	19	7	...
"	23	Walter I. Barnes.....	Meningitis.....	...	11	...
"	24	Lydia R. Dunlap.....	Bright's Disease.....	36	10	28
"	27	Honora Buckley.....	Consumption.....	17	1	11
Aug.	3	Timothy Kelley.....	Consumption.....	25	...	...
"	16	Terance Hennessey.....	Stricture and Exhaustion.....	20	...	10
"	27	Charles Guild.....	Old Age.....	82	1	9
"	28	Edward J. Delaney.....	Consumption.....	21	9	28
Sept.	1	Lily Booth.....	Cholera Infantum.....	...	...	30
"	5	Reuben M. Boyden.....	Consumption.....	36	...	...
"	12	Mary Louisa O'Brien.....	Meningitis.....	...	3	9
"	17	Joanna Buckley.....	Consumption.....	23	4	17
"	19	Ira Gill.....	Paralysis.....	87	11	7
"	19	Clementine Boyden.....	Tubercular Bright's Disease.....	69	5	9
"	21	Unnamed Male.....	Still Born.....	...	...	...
Oct.	10	Ellen Delaney.....	Old Age.....	87	...	...
"	10	Charles Francis Everett.....	Cerebral Disease.....	58	7	27
"	12	Peddy Briggs.....	Senilis.....	95	...	...
"	14	George Booth.....	Meningitis with Syphilitic trouble.....	...	...	23
"	16	Henry M. Plimpton.....	Heart Disease.....	65	10	...
"	17	William Hartmann.....	Fracture of Spine, Accident.....	20	...	...
"	19	Mary E. Christian.....	Cancer.....	75	10	20
Nov.	9	Relief D. Baker.....	Old Age.....	84	10	19
"	18	William Bateman.....	Paralysis.....	72	...	...
Dec.	2	Isabella McKew.....	Malignant Diphtheria.....	5	9	27
"	2	Ebenezar Daggett Clap.....	Heart Disease.....	74	8	29
"	4	Charles Hartshorn.....	Cystitis.....	80	...	...
"	14	Michael Ford.....	Apoplexy.....	82	...	...
"	25	Charles C. Greene.....	Bright's Disease.....	50	8	...

Whole number of births,	57
" " Marriages,	36
" " Deaths,	67

GEORGE P. MOREY, *Town Clerk.*

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Walpole, in said County : —

GREETING.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Walpole, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Walpole, on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at half past twelve o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles : —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the Annual Reports of the Selectmen and other town officers, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To determine the methods of repairing the highways, town-ways, and bridges, during the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, except Collector of Taxes.

ARTICLE 5. To see how the town will vote on the following question : —

“ Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ? ” The check-list shall be used, and the vote shall be by separate ballot, and ballots shall be “ Yes ” or “ No ” in answer to the question.

ARTICLE 6. To determine the manner of collecting the taxes for the ensuing year, and choose a Collector of Taxes.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will approve of the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen and posted as required by law.

ARTICLE 8. To see what compensation the town will allow the engineers and members of the Fire Department for their services the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will appoint, or instruct the Selectmen to appoint, special police officers to enforce all laws bearing upon the sale of intoxicating liquors, and appropriate money therefor.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will widen and straighten Kendall St., as laid out by the Selectmen upon petition of Elbridge G. Piper and others.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will instruct their School Committee to employ a Superintendent of Schools for year ensuing.

ARTICLE 12. To see what compensation the Town will instruct their School Committee to allow said Superintendent if so employed.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will appoint a committee, to present, at an adjourned or special meeting, estimates of cost for a new school-house at the East District, location for same, and appropriate money therefor. Upon petition of F. W. Bird and others.

ARTICLE 14. To see what compensation the town will allow persons maintaining street lamps, for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 15. To make appropriations of such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town, not otherwise provided, for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 16. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town, for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to fix the time within which taxes assessed therein shall be paid. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes paid on or before that date, and what interest shall be charged on any taxes remaining unpaid at that date.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Collector, in collecting taxes, to use all means which the Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes of the next ensuing year, and to issue notes of the town therefor, and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will repair the Town Cemetery on Main St., and appropriate money therefor.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will accept the town way as laid out by the Selectmen, it being a continuation of School St. to Stone St., and appropriate money therefor. Upon petition of M. W. Allen and others.

ARTICLE 22. To hear and act upon the report of any Committee, and to choose any Committee the town may think proper.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will grant, free of charge, the use of the upper hall to the E. B. Piper Post, Department of Mass., G. A. R., and to the Women's Relief Corps for entertainments, when the proceeds are to be contributed to the Relief Fund.

ARTICLE 24. To determine the manner of warning future town meetings.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at each of the post-offices, and in not less than ten other public places in said town, seven days, at least, before the time set for said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this sixth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

JULIUS GUILD,

CHARLES H. HARTSHORN.

ARTHUR N. CRAM.

Selectmen of Walpole.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF WALPOLE,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1887.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ROBERT S. GRAY.

CHARLES S. BIRD.

MYRON H. PIPER.


NATHAN W. FISHER.

FREDERIC GUILD.


ALTON H. KIMBALL.

SUPERINTENDENT.

G. H. DANFORTH.



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REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Walpole :—

The School Committee are reminded by the close of another year of their duty to make a report of their stewardship of the public schools.

For the details of the work of our schools, you are referred to the report of the Superintendent herewith presented.

The year has been marked by no radical changes, but we think that there has been a steady and healthy growth, and that an inspection will show that the methods of teaching and the spirit that animates the work are such as you would approve, and wish to see continued. Careful and intelligent supervision has done much to unify and energize the work of the schools and its employment has been amply justified by the results obtained.

Necessary repairs have been made, the largest expenditure being for the painting of the Centre School. At the East the building is not in good condition, but we have not felt justified in putting any considerable sum into repairs upon it while the question of its relocation was still an open one. Such repairs must however be made during the coming year, if it is to remain in use for school purposes.

In making our estimates for the year 1888, we have been governed by this consideration, that our appropriation should be large enough to insure an ability to carry on our schools without lessening their efficiency, and to provide for contingencies. Where it has seemed possible we have cut down the sum asked for even lower than it was last year; but we believe it much wiser to call for an adequate amount, which may leave us an unexpended balance, than to incur the risk of being forced to exceed our appropriations.

Your attention is called to the fact that the past year's accounts show an unexpended balance in each division of the appropriations, which lessens by so much the amount to be raised by taxation this year.

It may be of interest here to compare our own school expenses with those of other towns in the county and in the state. A careful inspection of the following figures will clearly show that our rank in expenditures for school purposes is still below that which we hold in point of population, valuation and number of school children.

There are in the county of Norfolk twenty-five towns, and in the state three hundred and fifty-seven towns and cities.

Our town of Walpole ranks in the county fifteenth in population, seventeenth in valuation, sixteenth in number of schools, fifteenth in average membership, seventeenth in average attendance, in per cent of attendance based on membership twenty-fifth, in number of teachers seventeenth, in average wages per month of male teachers twentieth, in average wages per month of female teachers twenty-third, in salary of high school teacher twentieth, in amount raised by taxes for schools twentieth, in amount appropriated per child twenty-third, (in the state two hundredth), and in percentage of valuation appropriated to public schools in the county eighteenth, in the state two hundred and fifty-sixth.

The good work done for our schools by our Superintendent is well evidenced by the higher stand to which they have attained during the past year. His carefulness in making purchases of school books, incidentals, etc., has enabled us to obtain more for the money expended than would have been possible under the old system. We believe the town is to be congratulated in having a Superintendent who is devoted to his profession and who has rendered it such valuable service.

ROBERT S. GRAY,
NATHAN W. FISHER,
CHARLES S. BIRD,
FREDERICK GUILD,
MYRON H. PIPER,
ALTON H. KIMBALL.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

To the School Committee of Walpole:—

The following is submitted as the third annual report of your Superintendent of Schools, the second report of the present Superintendent:—

ORGANIZATION.

The organization of our schools remains as it was a year ago, no change having been made in the number of schools or teachers. It now seems probable that our present teaching force will suffice for the coming year, unless a paid assistant shall be required at the Centre School. Of that possibility I speak later.

ATTENDANCE.

The tabulated report of attendance will be found at the end of this report. By it you will see that we have made a very slight gain in the number of different pupils enrolled, in the average number belonging, and in the average daily attendance. The two latter items would show a greater increase but for the epidemic of measles, which cut down the numbers in the Centre building in the winter term and finally caused the entire suspension of the school there. Our per cent of attendance remains the same as it was last year, in spite of the unusually severe weather of last winter, which united with sickness to badly reduce the attendance from what it would have been under normal conditions; and the ratio of tardiness to the daily attendance has been cut down more than one-fifth. There is still room for improvement, however, in both these items, and I trust parents will see the wisdom of earnestly co-operating with teachers to reduce both absence and tardiness to a minimum.

OVERCROWDING.

We are fortunate in being in a large measure free from the overcrowding of large numbers of children into rooms of

insufficient capacity. As a rule we have ample accommodations for all our children, and as a rule no teacher is required to teach more pupils than she can properly manage in one room. Our one exception is the A and B Primary room at the Centre, where at times the numbers are more than a single teacher ought to be required to handle, and any marked increase in the number of children of this grade, during the coming year, may necessitate the employment of a paid assistant for the period of largest attendance. The same possibility existed at the beginning of last year, but the necessity was avoided by the help of

PUPIL TEACHERS.

At present there are two such in the Centre building, young ladies who, until June, were in our High School. They work under the direction of the regular teachers in the Primary rooms, receiving no salary for their services, but finding in the practical training which they get an adequate payment for assistance rendered by them. I would call the attention of our High School graduates to the opportunity open to them to acquire some knowledge of the art of teaching from actual work in the school-room. The training which they will receive will not be an adequate preparation for teaching, but it will serve as an excellent preparation for those who contemplate taking a Normal School course at a later day, and will be helpful for those who find it impossible to take such a course. Should a larger number avail themselves of this opportunity, it may prove possible and advisable for the Superintendent to devote some time to their instruction in the theory of education, the town receiving compensation for time so employed from the assistance which they will render to regular teachers, and from their presence as available substitutes for teachers temporarily absent on account of sickness.

VENTILATION.

In the buildings in the outlying districts which are heated exclusively by stoves, where ventilating shafts, if they exist

at all, are almost useless for lack of means to secure a constant current of air through them, the problem of proper ventilation is a very perplexing one. Teachers are compelled to take fresh air through the windows, and the vitiated atmosphere which collects in a close room with many occupants has to be removed by the same means. Boards have been placed in the windows of all these rooms, and teachers have been impressed with the necessity of providing for a constant influx of fresh air, and of completely changing the air of the rooms at frequent intervals. Reasonable success has attended these efforts to keep the atmosphere of the rooms such as not to endanger health, except in two instances. In the North and East Primary rooms, the position of the windows with reference to the desks, with which these rooms are filled to their utmost capacity, is such that teachers find it impossible to introduce fresh air through them which shall not, before it has been warmed, strike directly upon the heads of children. They change the air thoroughly every time the children leave the room. They can do so with the children in it, and avoid danger from exposure during the process by giving calisthenic exercises, but the temperature in very cold days is so low for the next ten minutes, that teachers hesitate to take the risk of possible injury from it. Under the circumstances they sometimes feel compelled to submit to the evil of bad air, to the detriment of their children.

Such being the circumstances, I submit to your careful attention the necessity of providing a way out of this difficulty, even at the cost of a complete remodeling of these buildings. Where the health of our children is at stake, we can certainly afford to spare no effort or expense to save them from danger.

NO RECESS.

During the last two terms at the Centre School, we have followed the plan in almost universal use in larger towns and cities, of having no recess during the afternoon session. In the schools affected by this change, needed physical exercise is given in the middle of the session by marching in the low-

est Primary classes, and by calisthenic drills in higher grades. Teachers are directed to accord free permission to leave the room to all pupils needing to do so, just as they did if the necessity existed at other times than at recess, when a recess was given. The presence of some children in every room who will abuse such a privilege, is apt to tempt the teacher to lay unwise restrictions upon its use. But I think our teachers clearly understand that it is better that many should abuse the privilege than that one should be improperly denied it; and that we shall find no ill results coming from this change of session, which has much to recommend it.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This school must take its pupils where the Grammar schools leave them. These lower schools can show better results than were possible a year ago, but I think we have not yet reached the standard which we may reasonably hope to fix as the limit of their work. Until such a limit is reached, the course of study in the High School must be a provisional one, calling for the best work we can do now, and subject to revision as we find ourselves able to give better training in our Grammar schools. The old and somewhat indefinite course of study has seemed to need a thorough revision which should make much more prominent the hitherto neglected experimental science which has become an important feature of modern High School work. The necessary time has been given to this task, and, as the result, the double course of study which is printed at the end of this report, is presented for your careful consideration.

Given the present degree of preparation of pupils who enter the school, and a teaching force of two instructors as our limit, we are called upon to determine how wide in its scope we can safely make the regular four years' course, and, within the limits imposed by our conditions, what subjects shall be presented and in what order. The Latin course is one solution of that problem. We think it will be possible to complete the work mapped out in the time given, it being understood that all the science work is elementary in its character,

aiming to introduce pupils to the subjects chosen and train them in right methods of study. If it shall prove that we have undertaken too much, it will be necessary to drop some of the less essential subjects and devote the time now assigned to them to those which demand more time than we have planned to give them.

I trust that parents will see the advisability of having all pupils, who can possibly give the necessary time, take this, the regular course of the school. Because a pupil does not intend to carry his education beyond the High School, it is often too hastily decided that time devoted to the study of Latin, is time wasted. Such a decision ignores the value of this subject as a means of training, and fails to take account of the greater mastery of English which it gives its students. Says one of the best educational authorities in our State :—"After noting closely the mental operations of more than ten thousand students in our High Schools in a great variety of subjects, I am convinced that nothing can fill the place of Latin in our High School work."

While believing that the full course should be taken by all whose circumstances will permit, we cannot safely ignore the fact that many pupils enter the High School who cannot or will not remain for four years. They have a right to demand that the work shall be so mapped out that they may utilize the time at their disposal to the best advantage. To pupils who can remain but one or two years, the earlier work in Latin is not the best subject for study, since they will not enjoy the fruits of that work in the later years of the course. They need good work in English, in history, in science, and in mathematics, and if we give them that in full measure, we may hold them longer than they could otherwise be induced to remain. For them, we have planned the English course of three years, which in that time gives them all the work of the longer course except the Latin, and entitles those who complete it to rank as graduates of the school, in the English department.

To give them all this and still avoid the multiplication of

recitations beyond the number which two teachers can properly attempt, it will be necessary to have the three years' pupils pursue their studies in the classes of the regular course, blotting out class lines, so far as they are concerned. This is being done at present; and we are now engaged in fitting pupils into their proper places, only the lowest class being able to exactly follow the course as mapped out. The choice of courses will have to be made by parents and pupils at the end of the first year in the school.

To properly carry on the science work called for in the course, by the approved method of experiment, observation and inference, a laboratory is indispensable. The recitation room of the school has been converted into a laboratory without interfering with its use as a recitation room; and, by an ingenious arrangement of tables designed by the High School principal, we have all needed facilities for instructing classes in chemistry, physics, and the other sciences which require table and sink-room, with special apparatus for individual pupils. This has been done at a cost, including chemicals and similar supplies purchased, of less than a hundred and twenty-five dollars.

The thanks of the school are due to the Walpole Dye and Chemical Works and to Mr. R. S. Gray for donations of chemicals; and to Mr. Chas. S. Doggett for scales presented to the school.

Collections of material for science study, in the form of minerals, plants, and some forms of animal life, have been started already, and it is the design to increase them as fast as possible, until the school shall be provided with all which it needs. The local branch of the Agassiz Association has already brought to the school in the form of loans and gifts some such specimens, and whatever collections the society may make in the future are to be placed in the school as a permanent loan. I would call the attention of citizens of the town who may have similar private collections which they would like to see made useful, to the fact that the school is prepared to receive specimens as gifts, or as loans to be with-

drawn at the pleasure of the owner, and to properly care for them while they are in the school.

While this much of preparation has been made for hitherto neglected science work, there is no intention of weakening the literary work of the school. Much-needed reference books have been bought and a reference table has been provided which affords shelf room for them all and table room for consulting them.

I have given so much space in this report to a single school because it has seemed to me proper that, in these days when the expense of a High School is so often urged against it, and its utility called in question by many, the people of Walpole should know somewhat fully the aims of the High School which they are asked to support, that they may be able to judge of its value as a part of our school system. It is to be hoped that they will interest themselves to learn by personal observation, in the school, how far the plans just outlined are being put into practical operation.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.

In June a class of five was graduated from the school, the graduation exercises being held in the Town Hall on the evening of June 30th. The names of the graduates, with the programme of their exercises in which the class was assisted by a chorus and two soloists from the school, will be found appended to this report.

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY.

More than a year ago a beginning was made in furnishing the Grammar schools with such helps as were indispensable to the intelligent and interesting study of these branches. This work has been carried forward steadily through the past year, and each school now has a reasonably adequate working library of historical readers and reference histories, which, rightly used, can but exercise a marked effect for good upon the results obtained in this study. In geography our equipment is less complete, though we are distinctly better off than we were a year ago. For additional helps we must look to our excellent

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Early in the autumn the trustees of the Public Library revived the privilege accorded to teachers to hold twelve school-cards each, on which could be drawn books for use in the schools. They also provided us with catalogues which are now placed in every school-building in town. Teachers were urged to use this privilege wisely and persistently, and in some instances did so to a considerable extent. But replies, by the children, to questions appended to the December tests in history and geography brought out the fact that very few of our Grammar school children were getting help from the excellent collection of books suited to the young which has been so liberally provided by the town in its library.

Systematic steps to remedy this, so far as we can, have already been taken. A meeting of Grammar school teachers with the teachers of the High School has been held; a system devised for drawing, recording by whom read, and returning books with the least possible burden to the teacher; teachers directed to make lists of the books found helpful and suited to their grades and to exchange lists; to encourage pupils who can do so to draw books on their own cards, (lists of suitable books being made out by the teachers for their pupils), and to arouse an interest in these books by bringing them into the school-room and devoting a little time each week to reading them aloud and discussing those read. By these and similar means, it is hoped that we may be able to exert an influence which shall lead children, whom we teach to read, to read good books. Our success here must be proportionate to the ability of our teachers to wisely select the books which will interest as well as instruct the children, and to our power to work together so that what one teacher learns in this matter of directing reading shall be made helpful to all.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

The liberal policy of your board has enabled the Superintendent to call together the teachers as often as he deemed it advisable, by suspending the afternoon sessions of the schools, and in meetings so held work has been laid out and

methods of performing it taught and discussed. Such meetings have been productive of much good, and have afforded the most economical method of imparting instruction in such matters as affect all the schools. On Thursday of each week a regular meeting has been held for an hour, after the close of the schools, and at these meetings the details of work in different branches have been carefully taught and methods illustrated. In this way, and by the directing power of uniform written examinations, an effort has been made to knit together more firmly the schools of the town, to bring schools of like grade to a more uniform standard, and to encourage the feeling among teachers that all are working together for one worthy end. Isolation of teachers is a foe to good school work, and whatever contributes to a frequent exchange of ideas among teachers is to be encouraged and developed.

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS

Are now a regular feature of our school work. They are given by teachers and by Superintendent, and have proved very helpful. The daily marking system in the High School has been abolished, as recommended in my last report, and frequent tests by teachers with less frequent examinations by Superintendent, afford all needed means of determining the power acquired and the knowledge gained by pupils.

ARBOR DAY.

Arbor day was observed by all the schools by planting trees upon the school grounds. The work of excavating for the trees and putting them in place was enthusiastically performed by the pupils, who have taken good care of the trees ever since. The desire to improve their surroundings and the spirit of carefulness shown in abstaining from injury to improvements made, is something to be cultivated, and I think the children deserve commendation for the spirit they have shown. The double row of young trees in Stone St., many of them unprotected by boxes, past which go more than two hundred children, of all ages, four times each day, has yet to show the first sign of vandalism at the hands of the children.

PROMOTIONS.

Promotions from class to class were made in September, with little apparent friction. Much careful attention was given to the subject and the subsequent work of pupils who were denied promotion, for lack of preparation, has justified the decision then made. It is to be remembered that ill-considered promotion, before a pupil is prepared to enter on higher work, is never for the child's best interest, and often works an injury which can never be fully repaired. Teachers report as a rule cordial co-operation of parents and a ready acquiescence to the policy of retaining children, when it has been found necessary to do so. The final examinations for the High School were made by the Superintendent, who based his decision on the examinations throughout the year, and on the judgment of teachers as to the mental powers of candidates; this after personal interviews with the parents of all pupils whose standing was doubtful.

It is to be wished that parents would interest themselves more closely in the work of their children throughout the year; would visit the schools and consult the teachers as to the habits and standing of their children. The teachers are directed to lay before parents such information as they ought to have, but with a large school it is found difficult to call on all, and I am sure that parents can do much, and should, to cultivate a close and cordial understanding between the homes and schools.

TEACHERS.

No class of workers need to have a higher ideal of their work than do the teachers of our schools. None need to be more constantly active to improve upon past work, more courageous in meeting difficulties and persistent in overcoming them. It is very easy to fall into that frame of mind in which we charge all the shortcomings of our school to the lack of previous good training of our pupils, to inability of pupils to do good work on account of real or fancied mental weakness inherent in them. We should never lose sight of the fact that however discouraging our circumstances, per-

sistent and intelligent effort will always improve them and will add to our own power to successfully cope with future difficulties. Granted that pupils have come to us poorly fitted in preceding work, their future success or failure will depend largely upon our own power of discovering in just what they are lacking, and our power to devise means for correcting that weakness, our own intelligent persistence in applying the needed remedy. No teacher in Walpole, at least, is asked to do the impossible in covering a fixed amount of ground, without regard to the fitness or ability of her pupils to do such work. She is expected to be not only willing but eager to give her time and strength freely and unstintedly to the constant study and improvement of her work and school. Doing this wisely and hopefully, she may surely count on future success according to her deserts.

Right here let me say that I have little sympathy with those who hold the school responsible for all the training which belongs to the home. Equally little respect have I for the teacher who, seeing an opportunity to help her children to what they need, will neglect that opportunity—it is a privilege as well—on the score that such work more properly belongs to another. Punctuality, neatness, politeness, cheerful obedience to authority, persistence in right-doing, truthfulness: these, indeed, should be grounded in every child by right home-training, but they should be considered by the teacher as the first and best objects of her work in the school-room as well.

SCHOOL LAWS.

It has seemed to me advisable to quote here some of the State statutes which affect the schools, that failure to comply with the requirements of the law may not result from lack of convenient means for learning what those requirements are. I have chosen the laws relating to compulsory attendance, contagious diseases, vaccination, and employment of children.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE.

“Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years shall annually cause such child to attend for at

least twenty weeks some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, which time shall be divided so far as the arrangement of school terms will allow into two terms each of ten consecutive weeks : and for every neglect of such duty the person offending shall forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if the person so neglecting was not able, by reason of poverty, to send such child to school, or if such child has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town or is regularly attending a public or private day school known as a half-time school, also approved by them, or if such child has been otherwise furnished for a like period of time with the means of education, or has already acquired the branches of learning taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable, such penalty shall not be incurred."

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

"The school committees shall not allow any pupil to attend the public schools while any member of the household to which such pupil belongs is sick of small-pox, diphtheria, or scarlet fever, or during a period of two weeks after the death, recovery or removal of such sick person; and any pupil coming from such household shall be required to present, to the teacher of the school the pupil desires to attend, a certificate, from the attending physician or board of health, of the facts necessary to entitle him to admission in accordance with the above regulation."

VACCINATION.

"The school committee shall not allow a child who has not been duly vaccinated to be admitted to or connected with the public schools."

EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN.

"SECT. 1. No child under ten years of age shall be employed in any manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment in this Commonwealth; and no child under twelve years of age shall be so employed at any time during the days in which the public schools are in session in the city or town in which he resides. Any parent or guardian who permits such employment shall for such offence forfeit not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars, for the use of the public schools of the city or town.

SECT. 2. No child under fourteen years of age shall be so employed except during the vacations of the public schools, unless during the year next preceding such employment he has for at least twenty weeks attended some public or private day school, under teachers approved under section two of chapter forty-seven by the school committee of the place where such school is kept, which time may be divided, so far as the arrangements of school terms will allow, into two terms, each of ten consecutive weeks; nor shall such employment continue, unless such child in each and every year attends school as herein provided; and no child shall be so employed who does not present a certificate, made by or

under the direction of said school committee, of his compliance with the requirements of this section; *provided*, that a regular attendance during the continuance of such employment in any school known as a half-time day school, may be accepted by said school committee as a substitute for the attendance herein required.

SECT. 3. Every owner, superintendent, or overseer of any such establishment, shall require and keep on file a certificate of the age and place of birth of every child under sixteen years of age employed therein, so long as such child is so employed, which certificate shall also state, in the case of a child under the age of fourteen years, the amount of his school attendance during the year next preceding such employment. Said certificate shall be signed by a member of the school committee of the place where such attendance has been had, or by some one authorized by such committee; and the form of said certificate shall be furnished by the secretary of the board of education, and shall be approved by the attorney-general.

SECT. 4. Every owner, superintendent, or overseer of any such establishment, who employs or permits to be employed, any child in violation of either of the two preceding sections, and every parent or guardian who permits such employment, shall forfeit not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars, for the use of the public schools of such city or town."

The form of certificate referred to in Sect. 3 is given below.

		18
This Certifies, That		
born in	is	years months old,
and has attended school in		weeks, dur-
ing the year next preceding this date, and has attended school		
twenty weeks since		18
		Teacher.
Approved		
Duly authorized by the School Committee.		

It will be seen that no child under sixteen years of age can be legally employed until he has obtained from the school committee, or from some one duly authorized by them, such

a certificate as is required by Section 3 ; and that this certificate must be kept on file by the employer. Employment under this certificate must end one year after the date which immediately precedes the signature of the teacher.

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In closing this report I wish to record my appreciation of the courtesy with which your Board has at all times received my suggestions, and of the cordial support you have given to all my work.

G. H. DANFORTH.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE, ETC., FOR 1887.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.*	Whole No. dif- ferent pupils.	Average Num- ber Belonging.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per cent. of Dai- ly Attendance.	Tardinesses.	Tardiness, pro rata. Average Daily Attend- ance.	Cases of Tru- ancy.	Visits.†
High	{ E. W. Kendall, Principal } { H. E. Hutchinson. }	48	45	41	91	110	2.68	0	93
Centre A and B Grammar.....	Annie B. Carpenter	38	33	31	91	151	4.87	2	47
C and D "	Annie L. Bird	50	42	38	91	144	3.78	2	64
A and B Primary.....	Lena F. Adams.....	68	53	46	87	124	2.69	1	53
C "	Anny L. Boyden.....	43	31	28	90	91	3.25	1	74
D "	Ellen B. Marsh.....	84	39	34	86	160	4.70	9	29
North Grammar.....	Lizzie Evans.....	27	20	19	95	35	1.84	0	32
Primary.....	Ella A. Hartshorn.....	32	20	19	92	43	2.26	2	46
East Grammar	Cora M. Chamberlain.....	29	25	23	95	37	1.60	0	53
Primary	Lizzie P. Bird	32	20	17	86	77	4.52	0	44
South, Ungraded.....	Mabel A. Jepson.....	53	35	32	90	157	4.90	0	27
West, "	Helen R. Stanley.....	17	13	11	88	53	4.81	2	20
Totals.....		521	376	339	90	1182	3.48	19	582

* From January to June the High School was taught by L. N. Cummings, Principal, and S. G. Bagnall. From January to March the A and B Grammar was taught by Henry E. Cottle.

† Superintendent's visits not included.

LATIN COURSE—Four Years.

I.	Business Arithmetic.....	5	year
	English Grammar and Rhetoric.....	5	year
	Chemistry and Physics.....	5	year
II.	Geometry.....	5	year
	Latin.....	5	year
	Mineralogy and Botany.....	4	seven months
	General History.....	4	three months
III.	Algebra.....	4	year
	Latin.....	5	year
	English History and Civil Government.....	5	year
IV.	Zoology, Physiology, and Physical Geography.....	3	year
	Latin.....	4	seven months
	French.....	4	year
	English Literature.....	4	year
	Reviews.....	4	three months

ENGLISH COURSE—Three Years.

I.	Business Arithmetic.....	5	year
	English Grammar and Rhetoric.....	5	year
	Chemistry and Physics.....	5	year
II.	Geometry.....	5	year
	English History and Civil Government.....	5	year
	Mineralogy and Botany.....	4	seven months
	General History.....	4	three months
III.	Algebra.....	4	year
	English Literature.....	4	year
	French.....	4	year
	Zoology, Physiology, and Physical Geography.....	3	year

Arithmetic once a week after first year, in both courses.
 Figures show number of recitations per week.

Graduating Exercises.

. . . . WALPOLE HIGH SCHOOL.

CLASS 1887.

TOWN HALL, THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 30,

EIGHT O'CLOCK.

Graduates.

LENA FRANCES HARTSHORN,

ANNIE ROSELLA PIERCE,

ANNA MARION RHOADES.

KATHERINE MARIA WALSH,

GEORGE FRANKLIN WILLETT.

Quanti est sapere.

Program.

- 1 GREETING SONG,
CHORUS.
- 2 ESSAY, Drifting
LENA F. HARTSHORN.
- 3 ESSAY, Battlefields
ANNA M. RHOADES.
- 4 SONG "A Disappointment." Hood
EVA PICKERING.
- 5 ORATION, The Seige of Troy
GEORGE F. WILLETT.
- 6 ESSAY, The Deserted Village
KATHERINE M. WALSH.
- 7 PIANO SOLO, "In The Twilight" Lange
ALMA K. FOWLER.
- 8 VALEDICTORY,
ANNIE R. PIERCE.
- 9 PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS
- 10 PARTING SONG
CHORUS.

